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SUBJECT: PROPOSED JOINT STATEMENT ON AGRICULTURE

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1. SUMMARY: AT MEETING WITH DEPUTY AGMIN ISHPEKOV APRIL 3, AMBASSADOR PRESENTED US DRAFT OF PROPOSED STATEMENT ON AGRICULTURE, AND EXTENDED SECRETARY BERGLAND'S INVITATION TO AGMIN KRUSTEV FOR VISIT TO US, PREFERABLY DURING WEEK OF JUNE 19. ISHPEKOV SAID HIS MINISTRY WILL BE READY TO BEGIN DISCUSSIONS ON PROPOSED STATEMENT POSSIBLY AS SOON AS NEXT WEEK, AND PROMISED A RESPONSE SOON ON PROPOSAL FOR KRUSTEV VISIT. END SUMMARY.

2. JOINT STATEMENT. AMBASSADOR, ACCOMPANIED BY DCM, MET WITH DEPUTY AGMIN ISHPEKOV AND AN ASSISTANT, MR. STANKOV, AFTERNOON OF APRIL 3. THE AMBASSADOR HANDED OVER COPIES IN ENGLISH AND BULGARIAN OF THE US DRAFT OF THE PROPOSED STATEMENT ON AGRICULTURE, AND SUGGESTED THAT THE US AND BULGARIAN SIDES MEET NEXT WEEK OR AS SOON THEREAFTER AS

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POSSIBLE TO WORK OUT THE FINAL TEXT. THE AMBASSADOR

INDICATED THAT DCM MAGEE, WITH AGATT PHILLIPSEN, WOULD NEGOTIATE THE DETAILS OF THE STATEMENT. ISHPEKOV SAID THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE WILL BE READY TO DISCUSS THE DRAFT IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE, PERHAPS AS EARLY AS NEXT WEEK. HE INDICATED THAT HE PLANNED TO ATTEND AT LEAST

THE FIRST MEETING HIMSELF, AND WOULD BE ASSISTED BY MR. STANKOV AND A MR. ANDREEVSKI FROM THE MINISTRY.

3. KRUSTEV VISIT. THE AMBASSADOR CONVEYED SECRETARY BERGLAND'S INVITATION TO MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE KRUSTEV TO VISIT THE US, PROPOSING THE WEEK OF JUNE 19. THE AMBASSADOR NOTED THAT THE VISIT COULD INCLUDE THE SIGNING OF THE JOINT AGRICULTURAL STATEMENT IN WASHINGTON, ASSUMING THAT THE NEGOTIATIONS WERE COMPLETED BY THEN. ISHPEKOV REPLIED THAT THE PROPOSED KRUSTEV VISIT WILL BE USEFUL, AND SAID HE HOPED TO BE ABLE TO TELL US SOMETHING MORE DEFINITE SOON. HE SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THAT SECRETARY BERGLAND WILL BE IN EUROPE IN MAY. THE AMBASSADOR CONFIRMED THAT, BUT ADDED THAT IT LOOKED UNLIKELY THAT SECRETARY BERGLAND COULD VISIT BULGARIA DURING THIS TRIP.

4. MARKETING TASK FORCE VISIT TO BULGARIA. THE AMBASSADOR MENTIONED THE COMING VISIT TO BULGARIA MAY 4-9 OF AN AMERICAN MARKETING TASK FORCE IN THE FIELD OF AGRICULTURE. HE SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THAT A DRAFT SCHEDULE FOR THE VISIT HAS ALREADY BEEN WORKED OUT BETWEEN THE TASK FORCE AND THE BULGARIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON. ISHPEKOV SAID HE WAS AWARE OF THE VISIT BUT CLAIMED TO HAVE NO DETAILED INFORMATION ON THE GROUP'S INTERESTS. THE AMBASSADOR SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THAT THE SCHEDULE AND THE GROUP'S INTERESTS HAVE ALREADY BEEN DISCUSSED WITH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE BULGARIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON. ISHPEKOV CONFIRMED THAT HIS MINISTRY WILL MAKE ALL NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE VISIT.  
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